REMARKS

Claims 33, 43-47, 51, and 54-73 (renumbered to claims 33, 43-47, 51, and 54-74) are pending and under consideration. The second occurrence of claim 72 is properly renumbered to claim 73, and the claim 73 is properly renumbered to claim 74. Claim 74 is canceled by way of the present amendment without prejudice or disclaimer. As such, following entry of the present amendment, claims 33, 43-47, 51, and 54-73 are pending.

The present amendment cancels dependent claim 74. Such amendment merely removes issues on appeal, and does not require further search and consideration. As such, entry of the amendment filed concurrently with the present Appeal Brief, and withdrawal of the objections to claims 73 (properly renumbered to claim 74) as most is respectfully requested.

1. Claim Objections

Claim 74 (as renumbered) is objected to as alleged being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. While not necessarily agreeing with the objection, in order to place the application in better condition for appeal, Applicants have cancelled claim 74. As such, this objection is now moot. As such, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

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